



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: MARCH 26, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: 9b

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED LANDSCAPE PALETTE FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND
ENTRY MONUMENT SIGN CONCEPT PLANS**

DATE: MARCH 16, 2015

FROM: PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT/ENGINEERING DIVISION

PRESENTATION BY: BALTAZAR MEJIA, PARKS PROJECT MANAGER

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve plant palette for existing medians on Mesa Verde Drive and California Street and parkway landscape on Gisler Avenue (Attachment 1).
2. Select one (1) concept plan for the Entry Monument Sign at Newport Frontage Road and Industrial Way (Attachment 2).

BACKGROUND:

In Fiscal Year 2014-2015 the City Council allocated funding for the removal of turf and installation of water efficient landscape on the existing medians within the following streets:

1. Mesa Verde Drive (east and west) from Adams Avenue to Adams Avenue
2. California Street at New Hampshire Avenue

The City Council also allocated funding for new parkway landscaping on the north side of Gisler Avenue from Iowa Street to California Street, and a unique Entry Monument Sign at Newport Boulevard and Industrial Way.

ANALYSIS:

On November 18, 2014, Asakura Robinson Company was awarded a Professional Services contract to prepare the conceptual design and final construction documents.

In order to develop the proposed plant palette on Gisler Avenue, Asakura Robinson and City staff met with Newport Mesa Unified School District representatives to gather their input in order to minimize potential impacts to TeWinkle Middle School.

In addition, Asakura Robinson presented the conceptual designs of the proposed Entry Monument Sign at Newport Frontage Road and Industrial Way to the Cultural Arts Committee members at their February 12, 2015 meeting to request their suggestions and vision for this neighborhood. Based on the input received from the Cultural Arts Committee members, Asakura Robinson has prepared four concept plans (Attachment 2).

In order to proceed with the preparation of the final construction documents, the next step is to obtain approval of the plant palette by this Commission as well as the selection of one of the proposed concept plans for the Entry Monument Sign.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

No alternatives were considered for this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

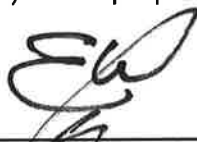
Funding for this project is budgeted in the FY 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Fund.

LEGAL REVIEW:

There is no legal review required for this item.

CONCLUSION:

It is recommended that the Commission approve the plant palette for the existing medians on Mesa Verde Drive and California Street and parkway landscape on Gisler Avenue, and select one (1) of the proposed concept plans for the Entry Monument Sign.



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Public Services Director



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City Engineer



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Attachments: 1 - Proposed Plant Palette
 2 - Entry Monument Sign Conceptual Plans

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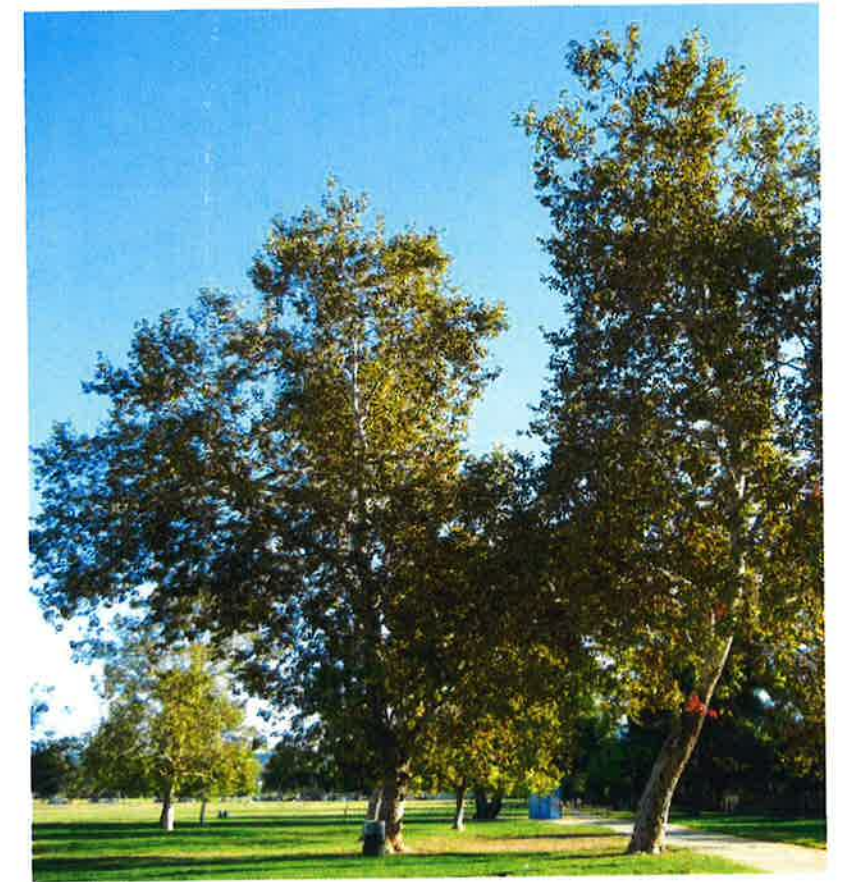
Texture Color Contrast - Dianella Little Rev



Replace Turf with native Grass meadow-
Carex Pansa or Tumulicola



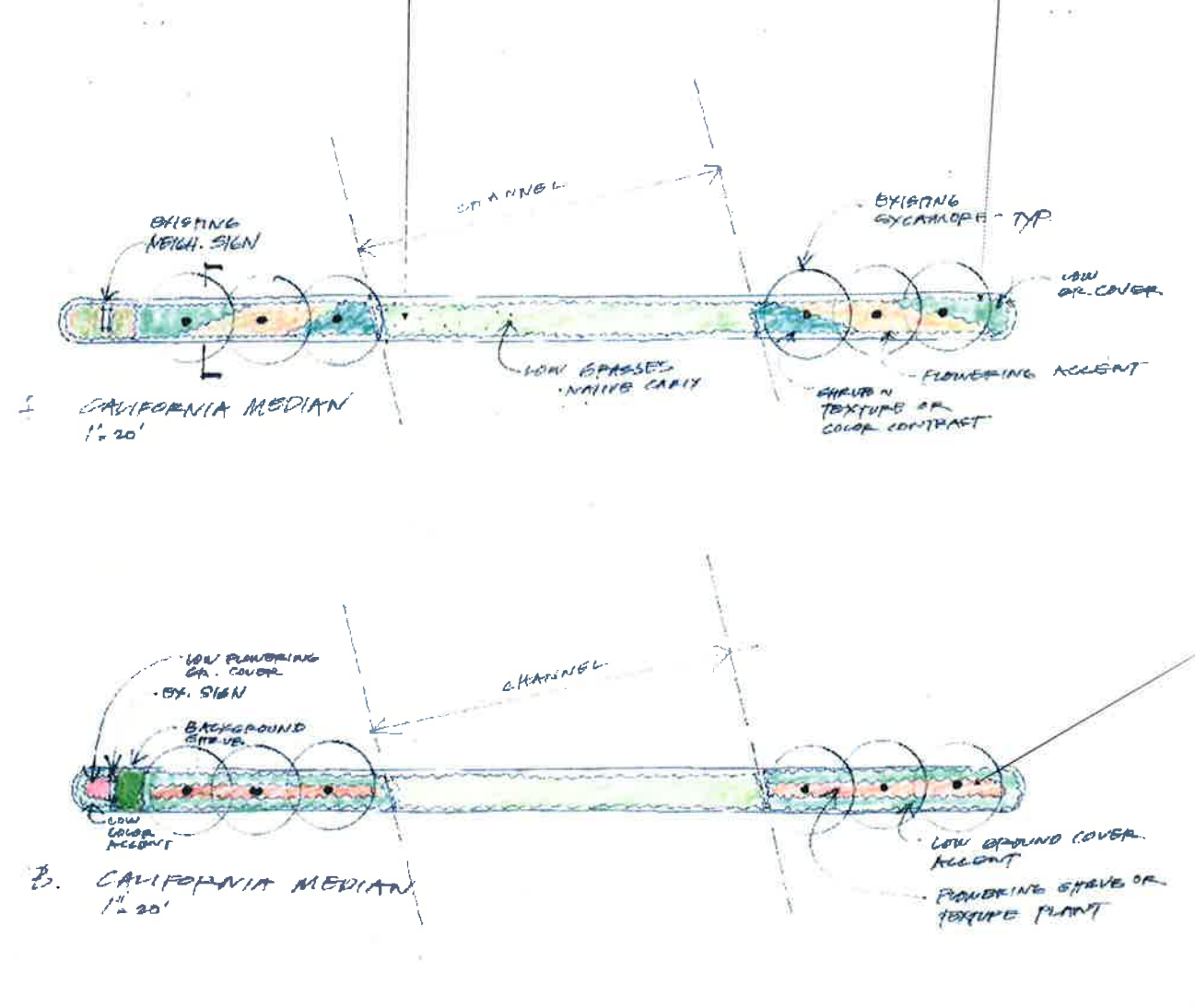
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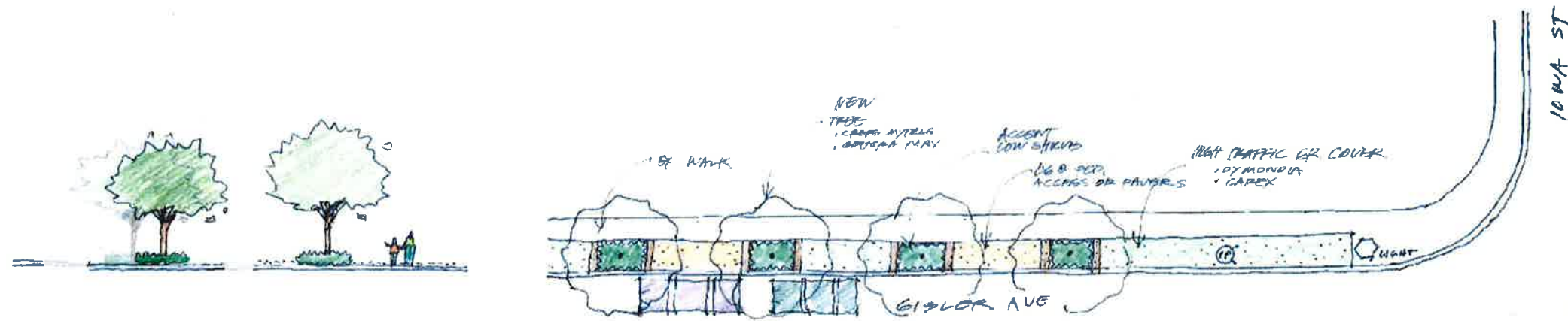


Existing Median Trees-
Sycamores to remain-
Replace one

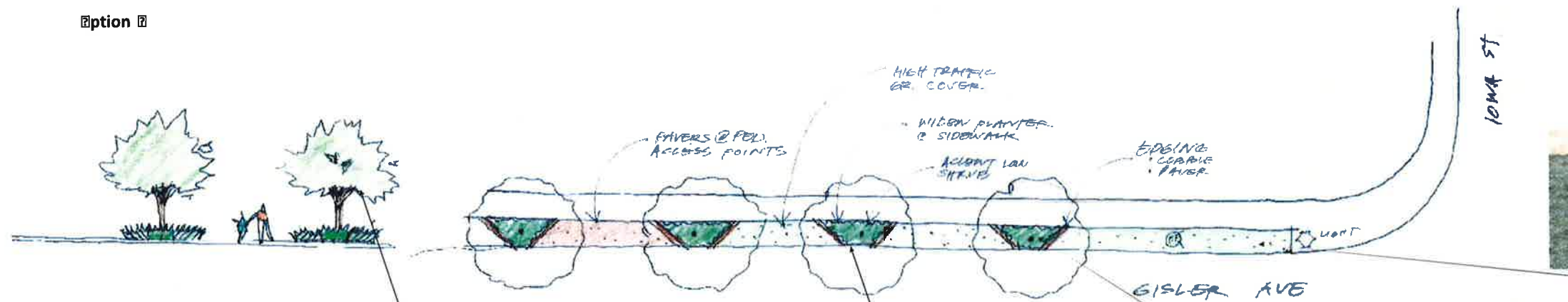


Knockout Roses- Yellow





Option 1



Option 2-Selected



Dymondia or Derbarra Groundcover



Proposed Crape Myrtle Parkway Tree



Dianella - Little Rev





Existing Trees to Remain

Accents in between trees-Cordyline and or Agave



Dianella Species

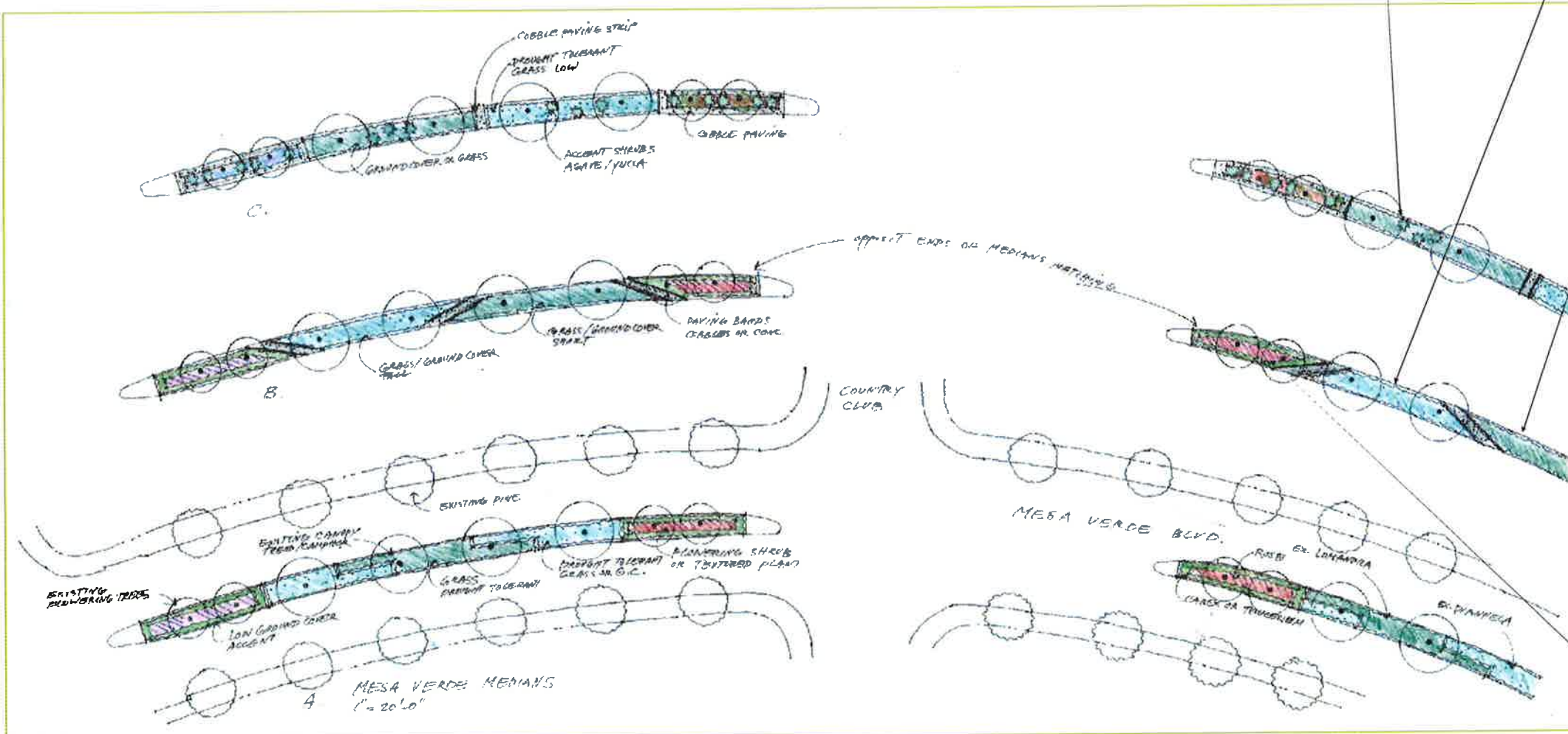


Lomandra Species

Shrub Mass- Grass alternative



Median tip accent roses



Option C COMBINATION SELECTED

